

REMARKS

1. INTRODUCTION

Claims 5, 8, and 22, have been cancelled, while claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 11, and 20 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-4, 6, 7, and 9-21 are presently pending in this application. Reexamination and reconsideration is hereby respectfully requested.

2. CLAIM AMENDMENTS/ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 2, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13-19, 21, and 22 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of dependent claim 8 and of dependent claim 5, from which claim 8 depends. Claims 6, 7, 9, and 11 have been amended to change their dependency from claim 5, now canceled, to claim 1. Independent claim 20 has been amended to included all of the limitations of claim 22.

3. CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Berkowitz et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 3,800,868). Applicants respectfully overcome this rejection through appropriate amendment, as discussed in Section 2, above. Withdrawal of the rejection is hereby respectfully requested.

4. CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fischer et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 1,775,819) in view of Savage (U.S. Pat. No. 2,154,216).

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5. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the Supplemental Information Disclosure statement filed on May 25, 2005.

6. CONCLUSION

For at least the above-cited reasons, all claims pending in the present application are now believed to be allowable. Early receipt of a Notice of Allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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